

Sippican School Council

March 15, 2022

3:15-4:15: Zoom

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I. Approval of February minutes

II. Acceleration Roadmap Update

III. One Book One School Update

IV. Cultural Proficiency Team/Anti Racism Sub Committee discussion

February Minutes:

Sippican School
School Council Minutes
February 15, 2022
Held on zoom

In attendance : Marla Sirois, Kristina Callina, Tangi Thomas, Anna Ward, Leanne Dineen and Barbara Moody.

Not in attendance: Helen Read, Jessica Barrett, Christy Dube and Lisa Horan.

Meeting began @ 3:20 pm

*The Council reviewed and accepted the minutes from the January 18th meeting.

*There was a request to add to the agenda by Marla

The addition was that we need to elect a co-chair to the council. However, we will wait until we have an equal number of parents and staff council members in attendance.

*Kristina had questioned the council's main responsibilities to be explained. Marla explained them as:

1. School improvement plan
2. identifying overall school needs
3. Reviewing the school budget

We are all reminded that we can always return to an area of need or question at any time.

School council members can request an addition to the agenda.

Marla and the co-chair would address at the meeting or depending on special circumstances it could be addressed at a later date.

*A discussion occurred on a survey that went home to families.

The pros and cons of masks was discussed. There was to be a school committee meeting that evening to further discuss the states views along with the schools to make a decision for our district with input from the community.

*Kristina had asked the question of our roles. She wanted to know what we can propose. An open dialogue is the goal of the council. Council members who have been on the council for a number of years feel that opinions are respected. The members are reminded that every two years new teaching staff join the council.

*Professional development was discussed.

- The cultural proficiency team has been meeting. The team is looking to add 5th and 6th grade students in the future. High school students plan to formerly speak to the students to address how their input is needed and valued on the team.

*The council reviewed a Professional Development survey and it was noted that a goal is for curriculum alignment across the district.

It was questioned if all staff are familiar with the educational "lingo." Leanne and Marla stated that they are understood.

*The council had a Comparison between Staff vs. Family surveys.

What do parents feel their children need vs. What do the teachers feel that they need was discussed and how to best attain that input.

* Additions to the survey that were suggested that include:

- Social/emotional development

- Student information

- Four point scaled for better averages.

* Cultural Proficiency will be addressed by the council at the March meeting.

*One Book / One School Project was discussed. – Leanne shares what has been occurring.

Ashley Sweatland added to the discussion.

Tangi Thomas addressed her positive emotions to the staff's commitment and projects.

The meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

The next open meeting will be held on zoom on March 15,2022.

Respectfully submitted by

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